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Receiving an encased George Washington Honor Medal from Dr. Kenneth D. Wells, president of Freedoms Foundation, are Dr. Clyde W. Meadows (center), president of the International Society, and Delno W. Brown (right), citizenship director. The International Society received the medal and a check for $500 at special ceremonies February 22 at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. This was one of the top awards in the Spiritual Values category and covers the 1960 Christian Citizenship Crusade.

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MEMO

from the General Secretary . . . .

TARGET: YOUTH!

Day by day there are increasing pressures on youth to respond to the cal of Godless ideologies. One would be amazed at the galaxy of eye-appea literature flooding our mails, attempting to win youth to the side of Godless atheistic Communism. Our national post office departments are ever on the aler for this "stuff" but it calls for vigilance on the part of all of us.

The International Society of Christian Endeavor is one of two majo Protestant bodies associated with the All-American Conference to Combat Com munism. The other Protestant body is the National Association of Evangelicals The All-American Conference is representative of national groups or agencie from all walks of life, including in those groups and agencies memberships tha run into the millions.

FREEDOM'S FACTS Against Communism is a publication of the All American Conference to Combat Communism. FREEDOM'S FACTS is avail able for $3 per year on subscription to the Conference office, 917 - 15th Street N.W., Washington 5, D.C. We quote here from a recent issue. Read it well.

> Students from all over the world will be asked to attend a world youth forum in Moscow in July, 1961. The theme sounds innocent. The students will discuss "Mid-20th Century Young People and Their Problems."
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> Students who can't afford the trip, but who can show Moscow why they should attend, will be helped financially by a special international fund. This will be formed by individual contributions and by fund-raising cultural events in various countries, possibly includng the U.S.
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> Details for the youth forum, set at a Moscow meeting in mid-September, 1960, call for a permanent secretariat to run the forum, a council with members in various countries to agitate in favor of the forum, and rules which can be used to ban all participants but those approved by Party officials.
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> The U.S. does not appear to have been represented among the some 100 youth and student groups at the planning sessions in Moscow. But the Moscow Committee did receive a letter of support—from the U.S. Committee for Mutual Understanding Among Youth.
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> What can students attending the Moscow youth forum expect? Most likely they'll get speeches from officers and members of the Red-run World Federation of Democratic Youth and the International Union of Students. Here are some recent samples:
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> Wang Wei, head of the Red Chinese delegation to the sixth congress of the International Union of Students—a Communist front—condemned the U.S. for "the impudence to set themselves up as 'peace emissaries' and go about dangling their baits everywhere to hoodwink the people. (Actually they are) . . .gangsters who pretend good will while engaging in aggression and . . . preparing for war."
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> The Red Chinese student leader also told IUS delegates (Oct. 11, 1960) that Red Chinese students are expanding personal contacts with 118 student organizations in 87 countries.
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> Piero Pierrelli, chairman of the World Federation of Democratic Youth—another Communist front—told youth in Moscow (Nov. 3, 1960) that youth will "play a decisive role in promoting the triumph of the struggle for peace . . . and rely on the warm and powerful support of the young people of the Soviet Union."
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> Meantime, authorities in West Berlin are amazed at the hordes of young refugees fleeing to the West from East Germany. Hundreds between the ages of 17 and 24 who are escaping to the West "seem fed up with the Red way of life," say officials in West Berlin; they add, "If the Reds are beginning to lose the youth of East Germany, they are in serious troubles, perhaps more serious than we realize."
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> Outlook for 1961: A real tug of war between East and West for youth everywhere. Reds and perhaps the U.S. as well will concentrate upon wooing the youth of Asia, Africa, and Latin America. But let's not forget the youth in the U.S., Europe, and Eastern Europe, either.

OPERATION: WILL!

Making your Will is not required of you legally. It is not imposed by law But—it is a privilege afforded you. And only you can make your Will. Re member the International Society of Christian Endeavor in your Will. Consul your lawyer. Write to the General Secretary, International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

Harold Westerhoff

vorers from Paul's Union Church with store display in LaMarque, Texas, set Junior High and Senior High societies.

80 Years--1881-1961

Birthday celebrations focus on Christian Endeavor around the world; emphasize the pledge and basic principles of the movement.

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usually successful Christian Endeavor at *Bethany Christian Church, Indian-*, is reported by the minister, Wesley lson. The entire day was given over to nior, Intermediate, and High School es. Youth presided at the morning ip, gave the invocation, offered prayer, Scripture, and served as deacons. The choir sang and the sermon was red by Rev. William Morehouse, minister of Englewood Christian h. At the evening service the High l and Intermediate societies presented play, "The Trial of Mr. Nominal ian."

Ontario

The society of *Roseville United Brethren Church,* according to president Shirley Hallman, participated in the February 5 church service.

Welland County Juniors met February 4 at Sherkston United Brethren Church for their annual birthday party. Ruth Benner, county Junior Superintendent, was chairman. Juniors from Windmill Point Church of Christ won the annual Bible Quiz. Special badges on the theme, "Seek Him Early," were made and worn by each society.

Kansas

Glinda Edlin, president of the society at the *United Brethren in Christ Church, Leavenworth,* reports the group held a birthday banquet with 40 present.

Maine

Christian Endeavor's "No. 1" society at *Williston Congregational Church, Portland,* participated in the morning worship February 5 with Keith Bartley, president, giving the sermon on "The Materialistic Christ." Chancel flowers were provided by the International Society in honor of the 80th anniversary.

Hawaii

Endeavorers of *Kaumakapili Church* enjoyed a birthday banquet at the Sky Room of the *Honolulu* International Airport, according to president Mrs. Ella E. Howard. Members participated in the February 5 morning service, when Rev. John Kalili gave the sermon. Rev. Samuel Keala is pastor.

Turn to Pages 4 and 5 for more reports of Christian Endeavor Week activities.

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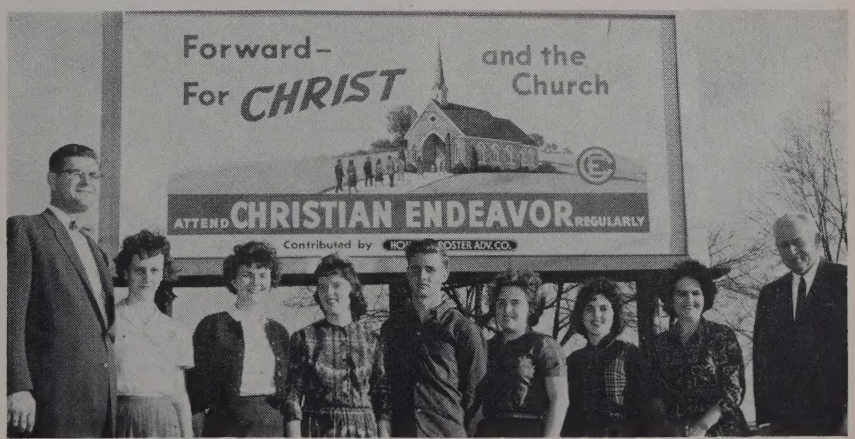


Harris County (Texas) Union officers pose with B. W. Bordages (right), vice-president of Houston Poster Advertising Company, before outdoor poster in Houston. Julia Phillips (third from left) is county president. Mr. and Mrs. Myron Reichardt are union sponsors.

Photos by Warren Lun

"This Is Christian Endeavor" was the pageant given by Chicago Union (Illinois) E deavorers at their birthday rally. The pageant was written and narrated by Willia R. Bonnema. Scenes shown are (top left) Dr. and Mrs. Francis E. Clark; (middl meeting of the first society; (bottom) Mrs. Clark directs group of Juniors in son (top right) Scotland, Mexico, Japan, and India in the Parade of Nations; an (bottom) final scene with entire cast.

Virginia

Although bad weather caused the Junior banquet planned by *Roanoke Union* to be canceled, many other activities were held. The seniors met February 4 for a banquet at Melrose Christian Church with Rev. J. V. McHenry, host pastor, as speaker. Society activities included a social for prospective and active members on February 2 by *Calvary Memorial* Endeavorers; a "progressive supper" by *Westminster Presbyterian* youth; a display in a Salem store by *Edgewood Christian Church;* and the February 1 prayer meeting at *First Christian Church, Vinton,* led by the Endeavorers.

Youth at *Fairmount-Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church, Richmond,* took charge of the February 5 church service. The birthday banquet scheduled February 3 was canceled due to snow. Alice Goodman is group counselor.

New York

The societies of *Ainslie-Greenpoint Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn,* held an "Amateur Night" February 24 in observance of the 80th anniversary. The program included short skits by the Junior Society under the direction of Augusta Flagg, and the Junior High-High School Society directed by Eva L. Hume. Money raised will help send delegates to conferences and conventions.

The *Dutch Reformed Church* of *Woodstock* gave a banquet for the members of the Senior Society, "in grateful appreciation for the faithful and weekly cleaning of the church." This society presented a check for $80 to the building fund of the church, commemorating the 80th birthday.

A member who has been an Endeavorer almost 70 years gave the story of Christian Endeavor when the Young People's Society of *Our Saviour Presbyterian Church, Staten Island,* observed the 80th birthday. Rev. Joseph S. DeRogatis is pastor.

Iowa

Approximately 135 were present at the evening service February 5 at the *American Reformed Church* in *Hull* when the Christian Endeavor-Youth Fellowship observed Christian Endeavor Day, reports the minister, Rev. Harold C. Ringenoldus.

The Junior and Intermediate societies at *Chesterfield Christian Church, Des Moines,* met for a combined program and social hour on February 5. Here a rocket was launched, going "Forward—For Christ and the Church," and 80 candles were lighted on the birthday cake. These Endeavorers took charge of both the Sunday school and church devotions on January 29 and February 5. Mrs. Tom Boatwright is Junior superintendent.

Photo by Mary Moffitt

Dallas District (Texas) banquet featured a Christian Endeavor tour around the world. Director Robert Cloud, president of the union, explains the Near East stop where Phyllis Fletcher (center) is hostess.

Michigan

Approximately 450 participated in th annual *Junior Rally* at Rose Park Reforme Church in *Holland.* Four societies—Ro Park, First, Ebenezer, and Trinity Reforme Churches—will share the attendance bann this year because each had 100 perce attendance. Speaker was Mrs. Henry Jage wife of the pastor of Ebenezer Reforme Church. Mrs. Richard Staat, president the Junior Council, reports that Hollan Juniors are supporting a Korean orpha as this year's missionary project.

The *Ransom Circuit* society at *Pittsfor* observed Christian Endeavor Day Februa 5 in the morning church service, accordi to Carolyn Shaneour, president.

Endeavorers of *Garfield Park Reforme Church, Grand Rapids,* took charge of th February 5 evening worship. Voluntee from the Junior, Intermediate, and Seni societies led the song service, gave praye ushered, and received the offering. Thr from the Senior Society spoke on "Go Ye "Into All the World," and "Together," r ports Sue Howard, secretary.

Mrs. Joe VanderVeen, sponsor of the socie at the *United Brethren in Christ Churc Otsego,* indicates the group used the Chri tian Endeavor Week radio script as th basis for a panel discussion.

The Young People's Society of *First R formed Church, Detroit,* took charge of th evening service February 5 and provide special music. About 150 were prese according to president Patricia Elzerman.

Wisconsin

Junior and Senior Endeavorers of *Plymou Congregational Church, Oshkosh,* held potluck supper February 1 and then led th midweek prayer meeting. They participate in the February 5 church service and February 6 sponsored a church fellowsh service. Rev. Lynn Scovil is pastor.

Pennsylvania

Members of the Youth Vespers group of *Trinity Evangelical Congregational Church, Lititz,* were in charge of Sunday school and taught all classes February 5. They also presented an original pageant, entitled "Into All the World Together," at the evening church service.

Guest speaker at the Tri-State banquet, sponsored by Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia Endeavorers, was Dr. W. W. McKinney, pastor of *First Presbyterian Church, Ambridge.* Endeavorers of First Presbyterian Church led the church school worship and also the morning worship on February 5. Nancy Anschutz, Margaret Yeseiko, Eileen Wood, and Emily Kozar participated in the symposium on "Forward For Christ and the Church Into All the World Together."

Snow caused the cancellation of several of the evening services planned January 26-29 by *St. Paul's (Dubs') Church* and February 3-5 by *St. David's (Sherman's) Union Church* in *Hanover,* according to report of Calvin Garrett.

Franklin County Union met January 31 at King Street United Brethren Church, Chambersburg, for its annual banquet. Speaker was Rev. Gerald Stutzman of Harrisburg. Gordon McMordie, general secretary of the Pennsylvania Union, was toastmaster, with Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, host pastor and International Society president, installing the new officers.

Blanche Ressler, a long-time Endeavorer, led the Senior Society on February 5 at *Blue Rock United Brethren Church, Waynesboro.* The pastor, Leroy L. Perry, reports this church also has a Junior High Society and plans soon to begin a group for Juniors.

Junior, Intermediate, and High School Endeavorers of *Indian Head Church of God, Indian Head,* held a birthday banquet, according to Rev. G. Marion Smith, and participated in branch union activities.

The Youth Council of *First Evangelical Congregational Church, Easton,* planned a "top program" for Endeavorers on Sunday, January 26. Rev. Raymond C. Steinhart is pastor.

Texas

Juniors at *Paul's Union Church, LaMarque,* held a poster contest, with each poster entered being placed in a store during Christian Endeavor Week. On January 5 each Junior wore a costume representing an Endeavorer in another land. The Junior High and Senior High group joined with the Juniors to place a special sign in front of the church during the Week.

The *Dallas District* annual birthday banquet at Garland took the form of a trip "Around the World for 80 Years." Tour director was Robert Cloud, district president. Stops were made to learn about Christian Endeavor in various countries. Don Cole, state president, spoke on Christian Endeavor at home.

Winner of the poster contest sponsored by *San Jacinto Union* was Carl Henderson of Magnolia Senior Society, Houston; Julia Phillips of the same society placed second, with Jennifer Gore of Second Christian Church third.

Illinois

Christian Endeavorers of *Third Presbyterian Church, Springfield,* invited the alumni to join with them for a banquet on February 2. Kenneth Barnett, program chairman, reports over 50 came, despite a seven inch snow.

Sangamon County rally was held at Third Presbyterian Church in *Springfield* on January 31. Five churches were represented and five pastors were present. The program included the "Philadelphia Panorama" presentation and a skit on the Chicago Convention.

The Senior Society of *Gano Reformed Church, Chicago,* led the evening praise service February 5. Janet Schaddelee, James Korte, Bonnie Bult, and Rev. William Nelson participated in a symposium, which used an acrostic on E-I-G-H-T-Y Y-E-A-R-S. Warren Lund is society sponsor. Eight high school Endeavorers of *Ebenezer Reformed Church, Morrison,* participated in a radio program aired over Station KROS in Clinton, Iowa. Approximately 25 youth from the six societies of the church led the February 5 evening service.

Maryland

A heavy snowstorm caused *Carroll County Union* to held its annual birthday banquet February 11, instead of February 4 as planned.

At the head table at the birthday dinner of the Alpha Alumni Council and the District of Columbia Alumni Fellowship at National City Christian Church, Washington, D.C., are (left to right) Nellie V. Griffin, Maryland Union president; Rev. Earl Taggart, presiding; John Crickenberger (standing), Council president; Mrs. Ernest R. Bryan, speaker; Mary Emery (standing), mistress of ceremonies; and Mrs. Crickenberger.

Head table at Somerset County (New Jersey) banquet joins in action song led by toastmaster Dick Foster (left). Others are (left to right) Carole Miller, union president; Nancy Sutphen, banquet chairman; John F. Stephenson, Jr., New Jersey president; and Howard S. Lane, New Jersey treasurer.

New Jersey

Heavy snow kept Dr. Norman W. Paullin of Philadelphia from reaching the annual *Somerset County Union* banquet at Second Reformed Church, Somerville, January 25. He was scheduled to speak.

The Varick Society of *Metropolitan African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, Ridgewood,* observed Christian Endeavor's birthday in the January 29 church service. Patricia Johnson is president.

Ohio

Miami Valley Union marked its own second birthday when it held its annual banquet February 2 at Covington United Presbyterian Church.

Christian Endeavorers of *Trinity United Brethren Church, Fostoria,* held services each night during Christian Endeavor Week. On each of the first five nights a different neighboring society led the service; on Saturday night all six groups united for a special program. Sharon Graber is president of the host group.

Endeavorers representing all Christian Endeavor societies in Portugal participated in a tea party February 4 in Oporto in honor of the 80th birthday. Rev. Agostinho F. Arbiol, national president, reports special services were also held on February 2 in Vila Nova de Gaia.

1961 SOCIETY HONOR ROLL

Societies and unions which have officially become members of the International Society of Christian Endeavor by financial support during the 1961 Society Roll Call are listed on this year's Honor Roll.

These organizations have each received a special enrollment certificate, with a red, blue, or gold seal as indicated. This handsome certificate is suitable for framing and hanging. Also each has received a nomination form for the selection of the Endeavorer of the Year, a new feature this year. The winning Endeavorer will be announced on May 2 along with the three runners-up.

This first list includes those who have enrolled during the Mobilization through February 28, arranged alphabetically by states and provinces. As others make their enrollment they will be listed in future issues.

Gold Seal

Alpha Alumni Council, National City Christian Church, Washington, D.C.

Red Seal

Education Committee, First Christian Church of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois
Alumni Council, United Congregational Church, Oak Park, Illinois
Intermediate, Bethel Reformed Church, Sheldon, Iowa
The General Baptist Press, Poplar Bluff, Missouri
Young People's, King Street United Brethren Church, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania
Intermediate, First Evangelical Congregational Church, Easton, Pennsylvania
Butler County Union, Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania
San Jacinto District Union, LaMarque, Texas

Blue Seal

California

Council, St. John's United Presbyterian Church, Compton
Adult, Lake Avenue Congregational Church, Pasadena
Junior High, Parkview Reformed Church, Santa Ana

Colorado

Senior, First Reformed Church, Denver

District of Columbia

Clark V. Poling Post No. 64, American Legion, Washington
Varick, John Wesley A.M.E. Zion Church, Washington
19th Street Baptist Church, Washington
Golden Rule Union, Washington
Senior, Union Wesley A.M.E. Zion Church, Washington
Zion Baptist Church, Washington

Florida

True Light Bible School, Punta Gorda
Bethany Reformed Church, St. Petersburg

Hawaii

Honolulu County Union, Honolulu
Territory of Hawaii Union, Honolulu

Illinois

Adult, Presbyterian Church of Our Saviour, Chicago Heights
Young People's, Forreston Reformed Church, Forreston
Senior, Grace Reformed Church, Lansing
Senior High, Ebenezer Reformed Church, Morrison

Indiana

Wren Circuit, Decatur
Union Chapel United Brethren in Christ Church, Fort Wayne
Junior High, South Side Christian Church, Hammond
Bethany Christian Church, Indianapolis
Fairlawn United Brethren Church, Kokomo
Immanuel Church of Christ, Michigan City
Senior, Cross Evangelical and Reformed Church, Monroe

Iowa

Youth Fellowship, American Reformed Church, Hull
Senior, First Reformed Church, Rock Valley
Senior, Bethel Reformed Church, Sheldon

Kansas

Christian Endeavor Board, Kansas Yearly Meeting of Friends, Stark

Kentucky

General Baptist Church, Clay
Young People's, General Baptist Church, Dixon
Muddyford Presbyterian Church, Georgetown
Shady Grove General Baptist Church, Robards

Maine

Williston Church, Portland

Maryland

Washington County Union, Hagerstown
Central United Brethren Church, Rohrersville
Carroll County Union, Westminster
Winfield Church of God, Woodbine

Massachusetts

Sagamore Alumni, Winchester

Michigan

Junior High, Riverford Reformed Church, Detroit
Senior, Second Reformed Church, Grand Haven
Junior-Intermediate, Reformed Church, Hudsonville
Junior, Calvary United Brethren Church, Lake Odessa
Adult, Grace Presbyterian Church, Saginaw
Senior, Ottawa Reformed Church, Zeeland

Minnesota

American Reformed Church, Woodstock

New Jersey

Adult Alumni Department, New Jersey Union, Bloomfield
Senior, First Presbyterian Church, Clifton
Senior, The Union Church, Lavallette
First Presbyterian Church, Ocean City
Intermediate, Second Reformed Church, Somerville
Junior, Second Reformed Church, Somerville

New York

Queens County Union, Great Neck
Junior High, Community Church, Little Neck
Department of Young People's Work, Reformed Church in America, New York
Young People, Broadway Congregational Church, New York
Christian Endeavor Societies, Tillson
Senior, The Dutch Reformed Church, Woodstock

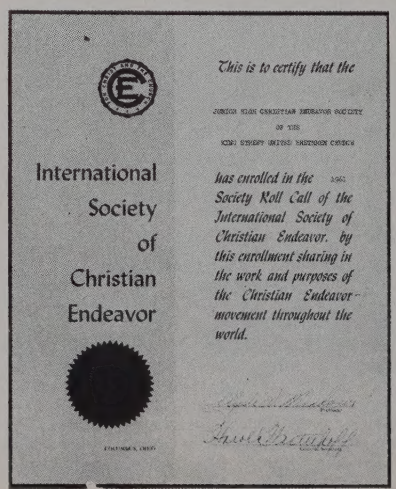
North Carolina

Young Adults, High Point
Pleasant Hill Congregational Christian Church, Liberty
Senior, Central Tabernacle Church, Winston-Salem

Ohio

Franklin County Union, Columbus
Lively Leaders Class, First United Presbyterian Church, Covington
Senior League, Oak Street Evangelical United Brethren Church, Dayton

ENROLLMENT CERTIFICATES


This is to certify that the
International Society of Christian Endeavor
has enrolled in the
Society Roll Call of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, by this enrollment sharing in the work and purposes of the Christian Endeavor movement throughout the world.

All across North America certificates are being received by Christian Endeavor societies, announcing that the society has enrolled in the International Society.

Here is a facsimile of the enrollment certificate. Societies giving $15 receive a blue seal certificate. Red seals are used on certificates to those groups giving $30 while gifts of $50 or more merit a gold seal.

By enrolling in the International Society as a society . . . as well as individual members . . . your group becomes an active part of a world-wide movement.

Proudly display an enrollment certificate where your society meets. Answer the Society Roll Call.

Ohio (Continued)

nior, Logan Station Church, Logan
rst United Presbyterian Church, Mingo Junction
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Ontario

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enior, United Brethren Church, Sherkston
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oronto Union, Toronto

Pennsylvania

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Grace Evangelical United Brethren Church, Gardners
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Adult Community, Zion United Church of Christ, Greenville
Junior, Center United Presbyterian Church, Grove City
North Liberty United Presbyterian Church, Grove City
St. David's Lutheran and Reformed Church, Hanover
Westmoor Church of Christ, Kingston
Junior and Senior High, Schwenkfelder Church, Lansdale
Youth Vespers High School, Trinity Evangelical Congregational Church, Lititz
Highland Brethren Church, Marianna
Trindle Spring Lutheran Church, Mechanicsburg
Unity Presbyterian Church, Mercer
Sandy Hollow Church of God, New Bloomfield
Central Schwenkfelder Church, Norristown
Montgomery County Union, Palm
Alumni Society, Zion Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia
Young People's, First Presbyterian Church of Olney, Philadelphia
Junior High, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia
Junior, Junior High, and Intermediate Senior High, Westminster-Mayfair Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia
Poling-Conwell Society, Baptist Temple, Philadelphia
St. Paul's Reformed Episcopal Alumni Society, Philadelphia
Senior, Leverington Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia
Senior High, Southwestern United Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia
West Branch Junior Union, Philadelphia
Young Adult, Southwestern United Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia
Intermediate, Zion Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia
Welsh Presbyterian Church, Plymouth
Berks County Union, Reading
United Church of Christ, Salina
Westmoreland County Union, Scottdale
Prince Street United Brethren in Christ Church, Shippensburg
Windsor Baptist Church, Uwchland
Senior, Baptist Church, West Springfield
Alumni Association of Luzerne County, Wilkes-Barre

Tennessee

Christian Church, Blountville

Texas

Junior High, Second Christian Church, Houston
Senior, Magnolia Christian Church, Houston
Senior, Second Christian Church, Houston
Community Church, LaPorte
Harris County Union, LaPorte

Virginia

Adult, Jerusalem Chapel United Brethren Church, Churchville
First Christian Church, Cooper Hill
Blue Ridge District Union, McCoy
Adult, Mt. Olivet United Brethren Church, Mount Solon
Hope Chapel, Norfolk
Young People's Fellowship, Fairmount-Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church, Richmond
Senior High, Belmont Presbyterian Church, Roanoke
Senior, Melrose Christian Church, Roanoke
Senior High, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Roanoke

West Virginia

Adult Fellowship, First Evangelical United Brethren Church, Martinsburg

Wisconsin

Senior, Alto Reformed Church, Brandon
Bethel Reformed Church, Brandon
Congregational Church, Spring Green

1961 Citizenship Awards Program Judges

Judges for Christian Endeavor's 1961 Citizenship Awards Program will include Dr. Harvey C. Hahn, Mrs. R. Owen Harrison, Rev. Edgar L. Mack, and Richard H. Zimmerman, according to announcement made by Delno W. Brown, citizenship director of the International Society.

Winning societies in this year's competition will be announced on April 25. The Albert H. Diebold Awards will be presented Friday night, July 7, during the 46th International Christian Endeavor Convention in Chicago, Illinois.

To enter the awards program a Christian Endeavor society was required to sponsor and report a completed Christian citizenship activity by February 6. Awards for the winning societies include cash, trips, plaques, and honor certificates. Top award is $200 in cash plus a grant (to a maximum of $200) for the expenses of one or more youth representatives of the winning society to attend the International Convention.

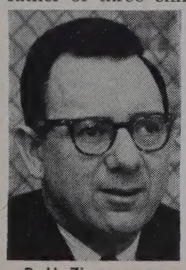
The judges will evaluate each entry on the basis of group participation, goals established or achieved, and the manner in which the project implements the folder, "What Is Christian Citizenship?"

Dr. Harvey C. Hahn

Dr. Harvey C. Hahn, pastor of Otterbein Evangelical United Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio, is a past president of the Ohio Christian Endeavor Union and formerly served as a vice-president of the International Society. He has held his present pastorate since 1929. Much in demand as a speaker, Dr. Hahn participates in many community activities, including Boy Scouts, Community Chest, and Mental Health Association. He holds the Doctor of Divinity degree from Otterbein College.

Mrs. R. O. Harrison

Mrs. R. Owen Harrison of Columbus, Ohio, served as finance chairman of the local committee for the 1955 International Convention. She has also served as Junior field secretary for the Ohio Christian Endeavor Union. A member of Broad Street Presbyterian Church, Mrs. Harrison has taught Sunday school and held offices in the women's society. Community service includes Red Cross and day nursery work. Married, she is the mother of twin sons.



R. H. Zimmerman

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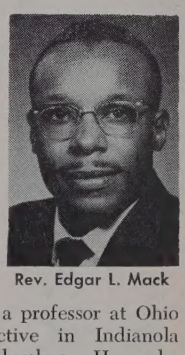
Rev. Edgar L. Mack, pastor of St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church of Frankfort, Kentucky, is a writer for the Division of Christian Education of his denomination. He has prepared materials for both their Junior and their Intermediate quarterly and for their official publication, the JOURNAL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION. Mr. Mack also writes Junior High topic comments for THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD. Married, he is the father of three children.



Rev. Edgar L. Mack

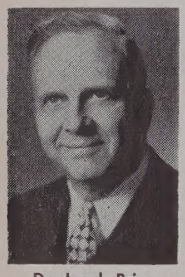
Come to Convention

Here is the information you have been looking for—about the 46th International Christian Endeavor Convention in Chicago, Illinois, July 5-8.

Delegates will register at the Conrad Hilton Hotel on Tuesday, July 4. That night, following a Prayer Vigil, there will be a Prayer Service led by Dr. Earle W. Gates, immediate past president of the International Society and chairman of the Program Committee for the Chicago Convention.

The convention opens on Wednesday morning with President Clyde W. Meadows bringing the keynote message and directing the communion service. Evening speakers include Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union; Myron J. Taylor, minister of Boulevard Church of Christ in Toledo, Ohio; and Dr. Billy Graham, noted evangelist from Montreat, North Carolina. Dr. George K. Schweitzer, associate professor of chemistry at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, will speak at the great closing session on Saturday evening.

There will be Quiet Hour and Bible Study each morning by age groups, with these leaders: Junior High (Intermediate)—Dr. Jacob Prins, Forest Grove Reformed Church, Hudsonville, Michigan; Senior High-Young People—Dr. Earle W. Gates, First Church of Evans, Derby, New York; Adult—Rev. Theodore Richardson, Metropolitan Community Church of Chicago.



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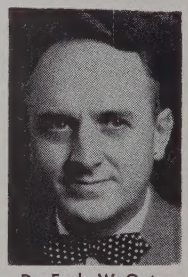

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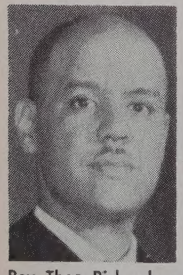

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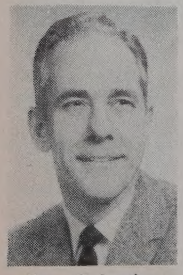

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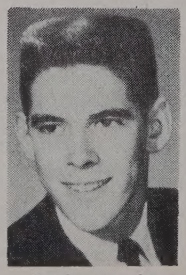


Stephen Jacoby

Convention singing will be directed by Dean S. Jacoby, with his son Stephen at the organ. Mr. Jacoby is minister of First Christian Church of Crown Point, Indiana. Stephen is studying music at Ohio State University in Columbus. This talented team is well known in the Great Lakes area.

The popular general assembly period will be held around the lunch tables each day, with Arch J. McQuilkin of Strafford, Pennsylvania, in charge. Toastmaster at the convention banquet on Friday evening will be Cecil A. Jeffery, general secretary of the Ohio Christian Endeavor Union.

There will be many other convention activities—the daily "school" with many educational conferences; meetings of union delegations Friday afternoon (including the annual conventions of the Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio Unions); the Junior Convention on Saturday; and the big Christian Witness Parade on Saturday afternoon.

All sessions will be held in the fabulous Conrad Hilton Hotel—one of the world's largest hotels, located in the heart of Chicago facing Lake Michigan, completely air conditioned. Its facilities will accommodate all convention activities.

Best of all are the economical "package plan" rates at the hotel. Just $36.75 covers five nights' lodging Tuesday through Saturday (dormitory style, four or more to a room) and all meals Wednesday through Saturday. For those desiring double or twin bed rooms, the rate is $53 per person; single room, $58. These attractive rates bring the convention within the reach of all. All registered delegates will receive special hotel reservation cards, which should be used to make reservations early.

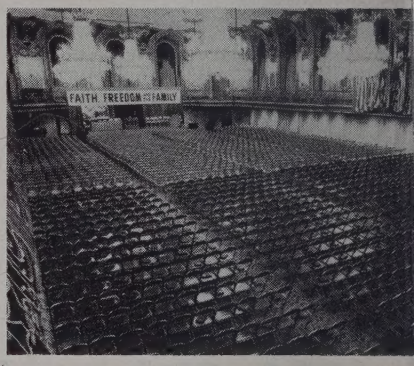
No International Society Fellowship Tour has been planned for 1961. A Round-the-Pacific Tour is scheduled for 1962, in connection with the World's Christian Endeavor Convention in Sydney, Australia.

There is a great convention in store in Chicago—let's go! Register now to receive complete information. A registration blank is printed on Page 18.

Registration Contest

At February 28, the end of the first report period in the Chicago Registration Contest, North Carolina won the monthly check for $10 for first place, with a gain of 8% since January 20. New Jersey Union, a close second with a 6% increase, received $7.50. Maryland and Pennsylvania Unions tied for third place, each with 4% gains, and received three free subscriptions (worth a total of $6), to THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD.

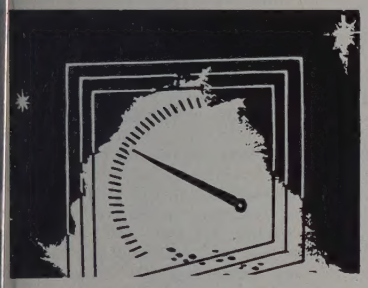
Similar monthly awards will be given at the end of March, April, and May. The contest ends June 16, with award banners, choice convention seats, and leading parade positions going to the winners. The registrars of the two top unions also receive awards.



TOP—Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago, where all convention sessions will be held; SECOND FROM TOP—Grand Ballroom, seating over 3,000; THIRD FROM TOP—Typical teen-agers in line for cafeteria-style meals; BOTTOM—The South Exhibit Hall becomes the convention dining room for all delegates; general assembly will be here each noon.

With Adults in Christian Endeavor

A page especially for Young Adults (25-35) and Adults (36-up)



MEASURING OURSELVES . . . as Young Adults

THESE are days in which we weigh and measure, and often with considerable exactness. If your Young Adult group wants to apply the points listed below to its *Scope* and its *Service*, let the readings of scores be objective and realistic, even when precision isn't obtainable—since we are dealing here with impressions and opinions within your Young Adult fellowship.

A rating from one to ten is suggested for the *Scope* analyses, and from one to twenty for each point under *Service*.

SCOPE

1. The group should be *representative*. Its membership should be composed of a cross-section of Young Adults of your church; its program (meetings plus action) should represent a broad vista of Christian interests in the age group served, usually 24 to 35 or possibly 24 to 40.

2. The group aims for *growth*. Here we are thinking of numbers enrolled, persons consistently active in the work and leadership, and advancing objectives for the unit as it gains experience.

SERVICE

3. We shall want to view with realism the group's *outthrust*. Whom does it serve, and how effectively? What tasks are accepted that without this Young Adult organization might not be done? As is true for any Christian fellowship, we are known by fruits.

4. Consider well the Young Adults' *aid to younger groups* in church and community. At least some of the Young Adults' activities, as individuals and as a group, should strengthen the home church in its Junior, Junior High and Senior High-Young People's societies of Christian Endeavor. Young Adults should help provide superintendents, counselors and, on some occasions, participants in these younger groups' programs. Financially and otherwise, we can aid Christian Endeavor unions and other youth fellowships.

5. How effectively do we share in *the home church's present activities?* Are we serving in the worship services through choir, ushering, special assignments, regular attendance? Can other organizations in the church count on our loyal support and dependable service? Do we accept church and church-group offices and committee posts, and serve to the best of our abilities?

6. Are the Young Adults making themselves available for *the home church's future leadership?* Some of the group's meetings could deal with the means and processes by which the home church is and continues to be an effective Christian force. We should learn more about our denomination and about interdenominational action. As individuals, we should seek leadership training and the experience gained in serving as worship leaders, Sunday school workers, every-member canvassers, other forms of church calling and lay evangelism.

SUCH points for appraisal and measurement of Young Adults as a working unit in and for the church should be considered suggestions only. Modify them or add to the list as you will. The scoring in itself is more important than the details proposed here. We need to be sure that we are doing our best, as Young Adults, toward meeting high objectives in usefulness and Christian discipleship.

—BERT H. DAVIS

ADULT TOPIC SUMMARIES

Prepared by the Adult Work Committee: Dr. Earle W. Gates, chairman; Phyllis G. Brown, Jay Sheffield

Standards of Conduct

(The first topic in this series was carried in the last issue.)

2. "Doing" and "Teaching"

Acts 1:1; Colossians 3:17

One of the most interesting features of Jesus' ministry was that He showed men how to live before He began to teach. Before we attempt to tell others how to live the Christian life we must set the example. Make this a thinking and writing meeting by providing participants with note pads and pencils and allowing them to enumerate ways in which they may make Christianity practical in their homes. Ask each one present to read his list and then conduct an open discussion. Make a list of the most practical means which could be put into practice immediately.

3. "Mother" and "Home"

Proverbs 31:10-31

Linguists have declared that among the most beautiful words in the English language are "mother" and "home." The unselfish devotion of motherhood is perhaps the truest illustration of the Christian ideal of service. Invite mothers who do not regularly attend the meeting to be special guests. Provide for each mother present a small corsage or a potted plant. Sing songs that praise motherhood and read written testimonies from great men such as Abraham Lincoln concerning their mothers. Perhaps all can name and discuss outstanding characteristics of their own mothers. List them on a chalkboard. This feature should suggest qualities which all Christian mothers should cultivate.

Home Missions

1. Missions on the Doorstep

Matthew 25:34-46; Acts 1:8-11

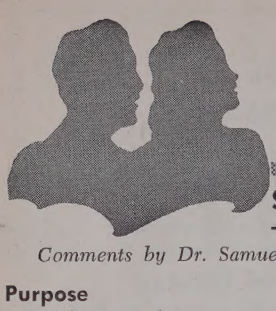
World evangelism encompasses our missionary obligation at home and abroad. Missions is but evangelism gone over the doorstep. Home missions are conducted in areas that need the ministry of the Gospel on this continent. Prepare a list of these home fields "white already to harvest" (John 4:34-36) and their needs. Your list might include: lumber camps and mines in the Far North, Indian reservations in the West and Southwest, mountain regions in the South, military bases, migrant settlements, slum sections, rescue missions, hospitals, and institutions for children and aged. How many of these are in your own area? What works does your church support elsewhere? How can your group participate?

2. Pentecost Again

Acts 2:1-8,37-41

Pentecost returns to remind us of the mighty power released in the world by the coming of the Holy Spirit. He gives us power to witness and serve. Study the office and purpose of the Holy Spirit as given in John 16:7,8,13,14. Consider how Pentecost and the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20) are related. What part can all Christians have in home missions through evangelism? Discuss Acts 1:8 as related to your society. Evaluate the statement, "We today are evangelists in everything but religion." What are the implications? How can the Holy Spirit help us to be Christian evangelists?

A bibliography of books for Adult and Young Adult societies is now available from the International Society upon request. Portions of this list appeared in the January and March issues of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD.



Abraham—Example of Faith

No. 1 in a Series: "Bible Biographies"

Genesis 11:27-13:18

Senior High-Young People (15-24 Years) *MAY*

*Comments by Dr. Samuel S. Haas**

Purpose

To discover the meaning and power of faith through a study of Abraham's life and thereby be inspired to live by faith in God.

Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
Doxology
Invocation and Lord's Prayer
Scripture: Genesis 12:1-9
Hymn: *Faith of Our Fathers*
General Prayer
Announcements and Offering
Hymn: *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*
Presentation and Discussion of Topic
Poem by George Santayana:
"O World, thou choosest not the better part!" published by Dodd, Mead & Co.
Consecration Hymn: *Trust and Obey*
Benediction

Introduction

Dr. Henry Jowett, a famous preacher of a past generation, once wrote: "When I turn to the Epistle to the Hebrews I feel as though I were in the inspiring spaces of some great cathedral, as though I were moving about Westminster Abbey. In fact, I have ventured to call the Epistle to the Hebrews the Westminster Abbey of the Bible. When I come to chapter eleven, I always feel as though I were turning into the nave of the great cathedral, and I find that it is occupied by monuments (as Westminster Abbey is) which have been erected to commemorate saintly men and women who were distinguished by their faith. I stand now before a monument which commemorates an old patriarch and I ask why this man is honored in the abbey. What did Abraham do to entitle him to a place in the nave?"

The answer is found in the life of this pioneer of faith. From a study of his life we can discover what real faith is, what it can accomplish, and what are its rewards and blessings. And we can be so inspired by Abraham that we will dare to follow his example.

Faith Trusts

One of the first things we learn about faith from a study of Abraham's life is that *it trusts*. Faith enables a man to take God at His word. To state it in terms of a common, though questionable, expression: It is betting on God that He is able to do what He promises.

At an age when most men are content to sit back and enjoy their well-earned rest, Abraham was promised a land of his own that would become a great nation (Genesis 12:1,2) and a people descended from him who would be as numerous as the stars (Genesis 15:5). For a wandering nomad and a childless old man these were marvelous promises, but seemingly impossible ever to become actualities. How many men in his situation would have trusted God to make these dreams come true? Reason was against it. Risks and sacrifices were involved that seemed to outweigh the possibility of realization. Yet Abraham decided to bet on God that He could fulfil his promises. He won even though he had to wait about 25 years for Isaac to be born and his descendants many hundreds of years before they could call the land of Canaan their very own.

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QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Does any man live without some kind of faith? Think of the scientist who is supposed to rely solely on reason. What does this reveal as to his attitude toward the power of the mind and himself?
2. When you consider the great men of history, what made them outstanding? What did they believe in? What enabled them to carry on?
3. Are there different kinds of faith? What is the highest, most noble faith there is?

Faith Creates

In the Epistle to the Hebrews (11:1) faith is defined as "the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen" (Revised Standard Version). By living as if the promises of God were realities *one creates* the environment wherein they can materialize. He has prepared himself to receive and appreciate the fulfillment of these promises as well as made their realization possible. Then when they come to pass they are no surprise because one has been living all along as if he had possessed them.

Such a faith Abraham revealed when he entered the promised land. We are told that at Shechem he erected an altar and also, shortly afterwards, at Bethel just south of Shechem and called upon the name of the Lord. Though he and his companions were few in comparison with the multitudes of Canaanites already dwelling there, he acted as if the promise of God had already come to pass (Genesis 12:6-8). This behavior of a man who acted as if he already owned the land which would one day be his or his descendants' resulted in blessing for all who met him. In this connection read Genesis 14:17-24, which describes Abraham's noble and selfless behavior where others were concerned.

Faith Obeys

A further element in faith as revealed in Abraham is *obedience*. There are things commanded us by God which, on the surface, seem unreasonable, or unnecessary, or contrary to what we should prefer to do. In such situations the temptation is to conclude that we know better than God what ought to be done and follow our own inclination. But, if we truly believe that God has our best interest at heart and commands us to do only those things which will advance our present and everlasting well-being, then the only choice we should make is to follow God's bidding, however muc this may seem foolishness or contrary reason.

This truth is again demonstrated by th example of Abraham. Having waited almo 25 years for a son, he at last had Isaa When the lad was in his late teens Go required him of Abraham as a sacrifice. A that time the sacrifice of the first-born wa a widespread religious practice being con sidered as giving to the god worshipe the best one had. But to Abraham, his onl hope of ever becoming the father of great nation resided in Isaac. He had n other son. How against reason was this re quest! How against what his heart reall desired was this command! The struggl within Abraham to obey God or satisf himself is beyond the power of words t describe adequately. In the end faith tri umphed over reason and desire. Abraham proceeded to obey God's command. Be cause of this choise made in faith, i obedience to God's command, Isaac wa spared at the last crucial moment becaus God was satisfied with Abraham's intent t act in accord with the Almighty's will. Wha Abraham had received through faith tha trusted he possessed in even fuller measur through faith that obeyed. (*Read Genesi* 22:1-19 *for the full account.*)

Conclusion

Is there any wonder now why this pioneer of faith has been honored in the nave o the Bible's "Westminster Abbey" (Hebrews 11)? Because of a faith that trusted in God that created the reality of things hoped for that obeyed when such seemed foolishness Abraham alone is thrice called "the friend of God" (II Chronicles 20:7, Isaiah 41:8 James 2:23).

If each of us would live as heroically as admirably, as full of blessing to others as did Abraham, then like him, each must be ready and willing to take God at His word, act as if the promises were already realities, and obey His every command to us. Then will there be present in each that faith which will enable us to walk as the "friend of God," and in so doing be a blessing to all whom we meet as we journey toward that "city whose builder and maker is God" (Hebrews 11:10).

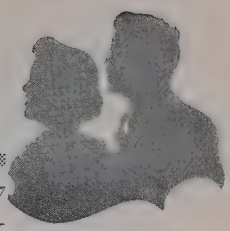
Illustration

As a stirring example of what faith accomplishes one has only to remember Joan of Arc. She heard voices and put her whole faith in the mission that was set for her. Her faith enabled her to overcome obstacles and setbacks and derision until finally she obtained her chance to lead the armies of France against the enemy who had for so long humbled and abused her people. She brought victory and confidence to a defeated people. She faced death unafraid, knowing that was her reward for her faith. Even today Joan of Arc stands out as a great miracle of history who baffles the sceptics who think only in terms of material strength and political power.

Rooted and Grounded

No. 1 in a Series: "May Flowers"

Ephesians 3:14-21; Luke 2:51,52



Junior High (12-14 Years) *MAY 7*

*Comments by Miss Kate Vanderberg**

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
Announcements
Opening Hymns: *O Worship the King* and *I Am Thine, O Lord*
Scripture Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21; Luke 2:51,52
Prayer: (Pray that each youth present may be led to dedicate his life to the service of Jesus Christ)
Offering
Hymn: *Trusting Jesus*
Introduction
Grounded in Christ
Maturity in Christ
Questions for Discussion
Poem: *Have You Taken Root?*
Sentence Prayers: (Pray that God will reveal His will for each life)
Closing Hymn: *In the Service of the King*
Mizpah Benediction

Introduction

All of us know enough about the laws of nature governing plant life to know that when seed is sown, it takes a period of time for the seedling to "come up"; that is, it takes time for a tiny green sprout to appear above the surface of the earth. When it has appeared, it takes more time for it to grow into a sturdy plant, and finally to blossom and bring forth flowers or fruit.

Before the flowers and fruit can become a reality, something occurs underground making the blossoms and the fruit possible. The seed sprouts, takes roots, and becomes grounded so that it can receive nourishment and moisture through its roots. None of this activity is visible above the earth.

Grounded in Christ

In the Scripture passage in Ephesians 3:14-21 Paul is writing to the church at Ephesus. He is speaking to the church about being "rooted and grounded," which is the title of our topic. In order to be rooted and grounded one needs some substance in which to be rooted and grounded. Jesus Christ is this Substance.

Christ dwells in the hearts of Christians in love; the Christian responds to the indwelling of Christ in faith (Ephesians 3:17). The Holy Spirit is also present to guide and comfort the rooted and grounded heart. When we are rooted and grounded in Christ we need not fear that we will be uprooted through life's storm and stress; our Savior will hold us fast once our faith is rooted and grounded in Him.

All this is invisible to the outside world just as the rooting and grounding of the seed under the earth is invisible. However, the result of this rooting and grounding in both the natural and the spiritual world is visible to the world. As the seed grows and finally blossoms and bears fruit, so the life rooted and grounded in Christ blossoms and brings forth fruit.

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OUR AIMS

1. To learn how to be rooted and grounded in Christ.
2. To realize that a life spent in service for Christ is the result of being rooted and grounded in Him.
3. To make commitment to positive Christian activities during years of preparation at home, at school, and at church.

Maturity in Christ

Where are *you* rooted and grounded? Your roots had their beginning in the family. These roots are deep, and their influence upon your life is great. In the Christian home the ties are not only physical but also spiritual. The Christian family, of which we are a part, is rooted and grounded in Christ. Our roots have found fertile soil in which to grow. Thank God that our roots have been sunk into a Christian family and in the Christian church. As a plant grows and blossoms as it matures, so the Christian life within us will unfold and blossom into maturity in Christ. The fruit we will bear for the Master are years of service devoted to Him.

Since this is Vocations Sunday, it is fitting to think of what type of service we would like to render in the future. Remember, being rooted and grounded in Christ will greatly influence our decisions. What we are doing now in preparation for adult living will also be a deciding factor. Above all, asking God will reveal to us just what He would like to have us do. He will lead us into the work He wants us to do.

In the meantime, let us do with a will what our hands find to do and serve our Lord at home, at school, at church. There is nothing so satisfying as knowing one is serving the Lord in whom he is rooted and grounded.

Questions for Discussion

1. How can one become "rooted and grounded"? *One can become rooted and grounded by "sinking his roots into the soil," which means believing in the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour. Then, come what may, with Christ as his Saviour, one can still say, "It is well with my soul."*

2. How can one surely know that he is spiritually rooted and grounded? *One can be just as sure he is spiritually rooted and grounded as one is sure of his faith in Christ as Saviour. If one has that faith, he is rooted and grounded. He can go on his way rejoicing.*

3. What does being rooted and grounded in Christ have to do with choosing a vocation? *When one is rooted and grounded in Christ, his whole course in life is governed by that fact. He will ask God what He would have him do with his life. It may mean choosing a career which is known as "full-time Christian service." But whatever work one does, it will be for the glory of God.*

Suggestions for the Meeting

1. Perhaps you can ask a few outstanding Christians from your church or your community to tell about their life's work—why they chose a certain career or profession and the blessings they receive from being in the Lord's service.

2. Perhaps you can also get a few Senior Christian Endeavorers to tell for what vocation they are preparing, and why they chose that particular vocation.

3. Several Junior High Endeavorers might like to tell briefly what they would like to do when they grow up.

Suggestions for Activities

Since the way in which the Junior High Christian Endeavorer roots and grounds his life today will influence it as he develops into an adult Christian, put to use the talents God has given you in your church and school activities.

Here are some suggestions: (1) Practice practical Christian sharing. (2) Accept responsibilities to launch and carry out activities involving Christian witnessing. (3) Be active in the church's educational program, such as the Sunday school, Christian Endeavor, youth conferences and conventions, training classes, and vacation Bible school. In participating in these various activities you will discover where your special aptitudes and interests lie. This will help you to decide in what capacity to serve permanently.

Have You Taken Root?

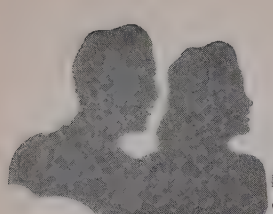
I'll serve Thee, Lord, when I've more time;
Just now I'm far too pressed
With school; but when I've older grown
I'll serve Thee with great zest.

The Lord looked down into my heart
And whispered sweet and low,
"With my life's blood I've washed Thee clean,
And wilt thou treat me so?"

My heart divinely overruled,
At Jesus' feet I bow;
Dear Lord, at home, at church, at school,
I'll gladly serve Thee now!

—Kate Vanderberg

Hymns listed in program outlines in THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD have been selected from CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SONGS. This book, with an attractive red and white paper cover, contains 113 songs and hymns for youth meetings. Available from International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio. Price: 50c each, $5 per dozen, $40 per hundred.



Ruth—Example of Loyalty

No. 2 in a Series: "Bible Biographies"

Book of Ruth
(Mother's Day)

Senior High-Young People (15-24 Years) *MAY 1*

*Comments by Mrs. Wesley H. Brown**

Publicity

It would be a good idea to send individual invitations to the mothers of your members. A large poster might also create interest. Cut out or draw the picture of a girl facing two paths or highways, one traveling left, the other right. Use the theme phrase *Moment of Decision.* Be sure to include time, place, age group, and date on both poster and invitations.

For the Leader

You will need to choose two young women to take the parts of Ruth and Naomi. Since this will be a Mother's Day program, perhaps one of the mothers of a society member would participate as Naomi.

Program Outline

Pre-Prayer service
Song Service
Opening Prayer
Announcements and Offering
Scripture: Ruth 1:1-8,14-18
Special Music for Mother's Day
Prayer
Moment of Decision
  Prologue by Leader
  In the Mind of Ruth
  Naomi Speaks
  Ruth Answers
  Looking at Loyalty *(by the Leader)*
Benediction

Prologue by Leader

During the four hundred years in which the judges ruled Israel there were many bad years for the Chosen People. One disaster followed another, and there came a time when famine drove the people from their homes and thousands fled into the surrounding countries. These nations were heathen nations, ancient enemies of Judah, but they had food.

Into the land of Moab came a family from Bethlehem, a man called Elimelech, his wife Naomi, and their two sons. Despite the strange ways of this idol-worshiping people, Elimelech and Naomi decided to stay. The years passed and the day came when the household mourned the death of Elimelech. As the months went by, Naomi began to search the Moabite families around her, looking for wives for her sons. The day came when the youngest son, Chilion, returned from the market place talking of a girl called Orpah, a slender, quiet girl of a prosperous family. In a few months they were married and Naomi began to plan for grandsons.

Now the oldest son wanted one girl only, a beautiful girl named Ruth, and his mother sent to her family to arrange a marriage contract. We see Ruth for the first time when she has lived in the house of Naomi for ten years.

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In the Mind of Ruth

What did Orpah say? Chilion is also dead. First Mahlon, my husband; yesterday, my sister; now Chilion: hundreds dying of this plague. In so short a time we are left with only memories. Strange how I remember everything so clearly after ten long years. I remember the day my father first told me that he was arranging a marriage. I remember how I cried when I heard his name. How I pleaded with my father not to send me to this house filled with foreigners and their strange God. I was afraid that I could never worship a Moabite god again, afraid that the evil spirits would find me here without the god Chemosh to protect me.

Yet from the first day they were good to me, and my heart has found peace in this house. Jehovah is no longer a strange God; He has become my God. To whom can my own people turn in times of trial and death? Our gods are always angry, demanding spirits who show no love and mercy. I have found hope and love in this house, and here I will stay. I must find Naomi and tell her.

Naomi Speaks

Orpah, Ruth, what can I say to you? I came to Moab a wife and mother; now I am nothing. I have word from Judah that the famine is over; God has given His people bread. There is only one thing left for me to do; I am going home to Bethlehem. And you must go home too, each to your own family. The Lord will return to you the goodness which you have shown in this house, the kindness and love which you have given me and my sons. You will marry again and be happy. Now why do you weep? You certainly cannot want to come with me. I will have no more sons for you to marry. What is home to me will be exile for you, cutting you off from everything you know and love. I am filled with sadness for your sakes because the Lord has taken everything away from me. Goodby. The Lord go with you.

Ruth Answers

I cannot go with Orpah, back to my family, to the old gods. I have made my decision. Do not ask me to leave you, or not to follow after you. Wherever you go, I will go. Where you stay, I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God, my God. Where you die, I will also die and be buried. Nothing but death shall separate you and me!

Looking at Loyalty

It is not easy to find a modern day counterpart of Ruth. In the world of human relationships, friendships are not apt to be deep and lasting. Americans are always on the move; children change schools; adults change jobs, neighborhoods, even states. The pace of life stifles the friendship of personalities around us and leaves us with acquaintances who do not really know us and who, in turn, remain mysteries to us.

In the world of business we find evidence of everything but loyalty: men who use their closest associates as stepping stones to bigger things, companies which sell out a neighbor for their own advancement. How then can we measure and understand loyalty? Or has this concept been left behind in the lives of men long dead?

In the life of Ruth there is the story of our loyalty. In her ancient gods of Moab we see our own sins, our worship of things, our pride and self-love. In the marriage of Ruth into the family of a God-fearing people, we find our own redemption from sin through Jesus Christ. When we have surrendered our lives into the hand of God, is this all that is required? How can it be? Ruth did not face her hardest moment in turning to God, but in turning her back forever on the old gods, on her past life. Ruth faced the real test on that day when she looked for the last time on her native land and turned and went forward into the paths of Judah. The real test of your faith and mine will come when we are asked to choose between Christ and His church and something or someone who has become important to us. Few of us are asked to leave our family and friends out of loyalty to Christ. Perhaps the missionary can best understand the struggle of Ruth as she looks at a strange country for the first time. Yet many of us are asked to do a harder thing than leave our homes. Perhaps we are asked, through the Spirit of God, to stay in a non-Christian home, living daily the faith we have professed. Often the Christian must choose between Christ and a young man or woman who does not know Christ as Lord, someone loved very deeply.

In the recent crisis in Africa when the Belgian Congo became an independent country, mutinous soldiers stormed into a Protestant mission station fired with a hate of the white man and a passion for revenge. They were prepared to kill every white man and woman on the isolated outpost. They dragged the men from their houses, beat them with their rifle butts, and threw them on the ground to walk upon their backs. Others broke into the houses, molesting the missionary women and taking any money they could find. As the moment came when the missionaries were sure they faced death, a storm broke on the soldiers' heads; the Congolese Christians took their stand between the soldiers and the missionaries, shouting at their fellow countrymen to leave the white men in peace. In the struggle that followed, several of the African Christians were beaten severely. With great joy they watched the soldiers drive away, but they had been prepared to give their lives. These were men who wanted an independent Congo, who were strongly nationalistic, but who, in the moment of decision, took their stand for Jesus Christ. The challenge to us is clear. As Paul said, "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."

Orchids for Mother

No. 2 in a Series: "May Flowers"

Ephesians 6:1-4; Proverbs 4:1-6

(Mother's Day)

unior High (12-14 Years) *MAY 14*

*Comments by Mrs. Richard Cattermole**

Truly Noble Purpose

There is a wonderful sound to the name Mother," and each of us should realize ot just one day a year but every day the ebt we owe our mothers. We can never ay "thank you" sufficiently or enough, and e we take the opportunities which Mother's Day affords us to try to let our mothers now the way we feel about them and the gratitude and love in our hearts for them.

The aims of this topic are to review the istory of Mother's Day (*The Past*), to onor mothers (*The Present*), and to dis- uss ways in which youth may honor their nothers every day (*The Future*).

nvite the Family

For such an important topic as this you ould invite the general public, or at least he congregation of your church. This will probably mean the necessity of a larger meeting place than you ordinarily use. This is a subject which will interest everyone, particularly if you decide to honor one particular mother of your church (see Program Ideas).

Lots of ideas may be incorporated into the making of invitations. Pastel shades of construction paper may be cut into the shape of ladies' large-brimmed hats with a contrasting color for the bows. Dress up the hat as much as possible in the front, then on the back place the invitation. Make enough of these to put in your church bulletins the Sunday before Mother's Day.

If your congregation is very large, perhaps you could limit your invitations to the families of your Christian Endeavor group. In this case, make sure each member makes it his concern to urge his family to attend the meeting.

For the Counselor

This topic is a subject that is dear to the hearts of teen-agers, and given a little time they will discover lots of things they would like to do for this meeting. Encourage them to make this a very special evening and to realize nothing is too much trouble when it is done for Mother.

This will be a great opportunity for you to meet the parents of your young people and to talk with them particularly regarding your work with their boys and girls. Be careful to be tactfully helpful with any of your group who may come from broken homes or from homes whose occupants have little sympathy for the church. Try to suggest ways they might convince their parents to attend the service.

Program Suggestions

Select as many of the following ideas for use in your meeting as you are able to adapt to your society:

(1) Select a "Mother of the Day" to be especially honored by your society. Though this could be any mother in your church, it would be commendable to choose one who is past middle age, whose children live apart from her, and who perhaps is lonely at times and would appreciate this special honor more than a younger, more active mother. Buy one or two inexpensive gifts to present to the "Mother of the Day" and prepare a short resume of her life which you may have a young person relate to the group at an appropriate time in your program.

(2) Have a tea before your meeting time, serving fancy sandwiches, cookies, and tea. (This could be done most successfully if you limit your invitations to members of your own group and their immediate families.)

(3) Make a survey of the favorite hymns of the mothers of your church and try to use as many of these as you can in your service.

(4) Purchase a very inexpensive gift for each of your mothers who will attend the meeting. This gift could be Bible bookmarks which would be available at a local bookstore for a modest fee.

Introduction

Introduce the topic by reading the topic Scripture passages (Ephesians 6:1-4; Proverbs 4:1-6). You might also wish to include another very familiar one for Mother's Day, Proverbs 31:10-31.

The Past

(*This will be most effective if told in your own words.*) Long ago in the days of early Greece and Rome there used to be an annual festival in which motherhood was honored. This took place on the Ides of March, and the custom was continued for many years. Formal mother-worship with ceremonies to Cybele, or Rhea, the Great Mother of the Gods, was performed throughout Asia Minor.

With the coming of Christianity this developed into adoration of "Mother Church." This celebration occurred on mid-Lent Sunday, or the fourth Sunday in Lent. It was the custom for children who were apprenticed out, particularly girls in service, to be allowed a holiday on which to visit their parents at this time. They usually took as a present for their mothers a small cake known as a sinnel. In shape this cake resembled a pork-pie but in materials it was a rich plum pudding. This was a time of great merrymaking and rejoicing, and was accompanied by much feasting. After the apprentice system was abandoned, the idea of Mothering Sunday disappeared.

In modern days a revival is credited to Miss Anna Jarvis of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, whose mother was greatly beloved in the community in which she resided. Upon her death the residents of her town petitioned the daughter to aid them in planning a suitable service of remembrance for her. In helping to prepare this memorial the thought came to Miss Jarvis that a Sunday should be set aside in which everyone would honor his mother, whether living or dead. She set about to advance this idea (that was in 1909), and by 1914 Mother's Day had become a national holiday in the United States, legally fixed as the second Sunday in May by presidential proclamation. After it was proclaimed in the United States, Mother's Day spread quickly to Canada, Mexico, and other parts of the world.

The white carnation signifying sweetness, purity, and endurance, was adopted as the floral emblem for Mother's Day. It is the custom today to wear a pink carnation if your mother is living and a white one if she has passed away.

The Present

Ask several of your group to give testimony about their mothers. Make sure you ask only those whom you know have Christian mothers. Limit each talk to a few minutes, and ask that emphasis be put on the influence their mothers have had in bringing them to Christ.

If you have decided to have a "Mother of the Day," this is the time to honor her.

The Future

Introduce the challenge by telling the following story found in the old McGuffey reader: Three children loved their mother and wanted to tell her so. First John said, "I love you, Mother!" But then he put on his cap and went to play and left his mother to do his work. Then Nell said, "I love you, Mother!" But afterward she complained and pouted until her mother rejoiced when she finally went to play without helping her mother at all. Then Fan said, "I love you, Mother!" And the story-poem ended telling how Fan helped her mother uncomplainingly all day long. Then the question was asked, "How do you think the mother guessed which of them *really* loved her best?"

Using the following Scriptures illustrated by either real or artificial flowers, discuss the following standards of a Christian boy or girl who is striving to live as Jesus Christ and his mother would have him live:

White lily	(*purity*)	Matthew 5:8
Red rose	(*courage*)	Psalm 27:14
Blue violet	(*faithfulness*)	Revelation 2:10

Have a "looking ahead" testimony time as follows: Ask several young people to express ways to live consecrated Christian lives which will be a credit to their mothers. This will not be embarrassing if done in the right spirit, and it will help everyone to feel that this service has been of real benefit to their daily lives.

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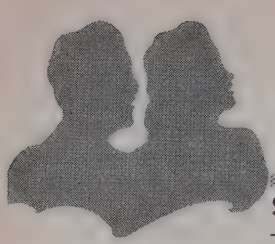

Peter—Example of Courage

No. 3 in a Series: "Bible Biographies"

Acts 2-5
(Pentecost Sunday)

Senior High-Young People (15-24 Years) *MAY 21*

*Comments by Dr. Lawrence M. Bixler**

For the Leader

This can be one of your most outstanding meetings. It can be patterned around the idea of a *This Is Your Life* or *Person to Person* program. The more preparation that is put into this meeting the better. Some informal drama can be used very effectively. Thus, the material for this topic is to help you in this regard. Use the material that follows as a starter, and then you may add, subtract, or substitute as you see fit. It can be made as simple or as elaborate as conditions will permit. Advertise the meeting during the church school hour. It would be a wonderful opportunity to have a parents' night in your group.

Have persons representing Peter, a woman, and a man of New Testament times dress in appropriate costumes. The master of ceremonies will conduct the program much like the TV program *Person to Person.*

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
Prelude
Hymns: *Faith of Our Fathers*
Are Ye Able, Said the Master
Scripture: Acts 4:5-13
Prayer Hymn: *O, Jesus I Have Promised*
Prayer
Presentation of Skit
Discussion
Hymn: *Trusting Jesus*
Benediction

Leader's Introduction

This is Pentecost Sunday. It marks the anniversary of the beginning of the church. The church is basically people. Tonight we are attempting to portray some of the real people involved in the beginning of the church. Outstanding among these is Peter, the man of great courage.

We have arranged an interview with Peter for tonight's program.

Interview with Peter

(*Peter enters and is seated on a bench.*)

M.C.: Tonight, Peter, we want to ask you a few questions about the courage that you showed in the early days of the church. First, do you think that you were born with this courage?

Peter: Oh no, for I remember many days when I was a coward. For example, even when my Lord needed me most I denied Him three times. This was a hideous thing that I did!

M.C.: But you found redemption from this. You did not kill yourself like Judas did. How do you account for this?

Peter: This indeed is a long story, for it begins when the Master called me from my fishing nets to be a fisher of men. I realized later that He must have seen something that He could use, for He called me "a rock." This is what the name Peter means.

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PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

The purpose of the meeting is to realize the reasons for Peter's courage. This will serve to show how we can develop courage like that of Peter.

Then I remember in our associations together that I attempted many things with good intentions but without any understanding of the price involved in them. One time when I saw the Lord walking on the water, I was so moved that I thought I could do this. I said, "Lord if it is you, bid me come to you on the water."* My Lord said for me to come. I started but I became fearful and the Lord saved me. *(See Matthew 14:28-32)*

You see, the Lord allowed me to learn something through my own failures. But I have learned that through my own strength I can do nothing. If I have courage it is because of my faith in Jesus, my Lord.

(*Enter a lady who was an observer at Jerusalem.*)

Lady: I am a disciple from Jerusalem in the early days of the church. I saw and heard Peter who was so filled with God's Spirit that nothing could stop him from declaring the Gospel. I remember on one occasion he and John were cast into prison for preaching concerning Jesus Christ. When they were brought before the rulers they said, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than God, you must judge; for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:19).* When they prayed, they asked, "And now Lord, look upon their threats, and grant to thy servants to speak thy word with all boldness" (Acts 4:29).* With such courage and determination no wonder the church increased in number and power. Because of Peter's courage many others found courage to live for Christ.

(*The lady sits beside Peter on the bench. A disciple of the dispersion enters.*)

M.C.: We have here another who has known Peter. Would you tell how you happened to know him.

Disciple: I am a disciple of the dispersion, one of the many to whom Peter addressed his letters. I remember well what he wrote to us in the hour of our trial. His courage was contagious. Listen now to his words: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and to an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time" (I Peter 1:3-5).* You see, it was because of the power that comes through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ that Peter had courage. It was through this faith that we had courage.

M.C.: But is not faith a personal matter? Why should Peter hazard his life to preach to others?

Disciple: But if one has faith he must be concerned about the salvation of others. He cannot love God and ignore his brother!

M.C.: Then you felt that Peter believed that Christ would meet the needs of men?

Disciple: He said this in his second letter to us who were of the dispersion. Hear his words: "His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us to His own glory and excellence, by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, that through these you may escape the corruption that is in the world because of passion, and become partakers of the divine nature" (II Peter 1:3,4).* Christ not only saves us but He places us in a fellowship of Christians, the church, where we receive strength, inspiration, and guidance in living the new life in Christ.

M.C.: Peter, would you mind telling us why you felt such an urgency about proclaiming the "good news" concerning Christ?

Peter: This too is a long story, but perhaps I can relate a few things that would be helpful. After our Lord Jesus was raised from the dead, He once had breakfast with His disciples. When we had finished breakfast He turned to me and said, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" And I said to him "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." And He said to me, "Feed my lambs." He said to me a second and a third time, "Do you love me?" And each time I repeated that I did. He then said, "Feed my sheep." I have found that one does not really love Christ or his fellow man unless he is willing to serve.

Furthermore our Lord has promised that if we do serve Him, He will be with us always.

M.C.: This is the end of our interview. Now we want to look at its meaning for us today.

Discussion

(*A panel could be introduced to discuss the following questions, or they could be discussed by the whole group.*)

1. What are some situations which demand Christian courage today?

2. What are the things which were set forth in the dramatic presentation that gave Peter courage? Will these give Christians courage and conviction today?

3. List some things that will destroy courage. List some things other than those cited previously which will increase courage.

4. It was stated and implied that faith in and love for Christ imply service to Christ. Is this always so?

5. How do we show love for Jesus Christ today?

6. Do you feel that Christians of our day have as much courage and conviction as they should? Give reason for your answer.

**Revised Standard Version*

The Flowering of Our Faith

No. 3 in a Series: "May Flowers"

John 14:25-29; Acts 1:7-14; Galatians 5:22-26
(Pentecost Sunday)

Junior High (12-14 Years) *MAY 21*

*Comments by Rev. Harry A. Shuster, Jr.**

For the Counselor

It might be helpful to make an appointment with your pastor and discuss the doctrine of the Trinity with him in order to clarify any questions in your own mind.

Try to anticipate the questions which your young people might raise. If there is a hesitancy among them to express their doubts or questions, express them for the young people. You may not have an easy answer for them, but their doubts will at least be out in the open for discussion and review and not shut up and festering in their minds.

Hints for Programming

Throughout the service make as many references as possible to the Triune God. The use of *The Church's One Foundation* and *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty* will be helpful in this way. Those hymns which emphasize the work of the Holy Spirit will also be beneficial—*With Thy Spirit Fill Me* and *Spirit of the Living God.*

Encourage the person chosen to lead in prayer to refer in the prayer in some way to the work of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Perhaps as an aid to worship a symbol of the Trinity and of the Holy Spirit could be drawn by one of the young people and placed at a conspicuous place in your meeting room. An explanation of its significance would be necessary. Consult your pastor.

Another aid to the presentation of the doctrine of the Holy Spirit would be the use of the Apostles' Creed.

Topic Discussion

How to Prepare

Read through the suggestions which follow. Adapt them to your own personality. Put the suggested comments in your own language. Make any changes or additions you feel are necessary. Refer to any good commentary, particularly for a study of Galatians 5:22-26. You might consult *The Letters to the Galatians and Ephesians* by William Barclay from the Daily Study Bible Series.

How to Begin

First, remind the group that this topic discussion will not necessarily offer easy answers for concepts which may be difficult to understand. There are always those truths about God and His dealings with men which are a mystery, but this very fact should not keep us from trying to discover those truths and to understand those mysteries.

Then encourage the group to express their doubts and questions. Remind them that to do so is not to be any less a Christian. To be honest with oneself is a mark of Christian growth.

This can be accomplished by having one young person highlight the reference to the Trinity in the hymns used by reading those pertinent phrases, *"Yet she on earth hath union With God the Three in One,"* and *"Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and Mighty! God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!"*

Have another refer to the teaching of the Trinity in the affirmation of faith called the Apostles' Creed, "I believe in God the Father Almighty . . . and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord . . . I believe in the Holy Ghost."

Have another refer to your own church's doctrinal statement which refers to the Trinity.

Have still another young person read some benedictions which are used and which again make reference to the Triune God.

Now that you have reminded the young people of the various ways in which they come into contact with this teaching of the church, ask them to express their understanding of it or their questions and doubts about it.

To elicit a response it will be helpful to have two or three different ways of phrasing your request ready if necessary. Here are a few suggestions, "When our pastor in the benediction says, *God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit,* what do you think he means?" "Do we worship three Gods?" "What is meant by *three in one?*" "How can three persons be in one?"

As various thoughts and doubts are expressed list them on the chalkboard.

Then, in comparison, discover what insights into this matter a study of the pertinent Scriptural material can give you.

Have one person investigate and comment on the following passages: I Peter 1:2; John 1:1; 20:28; Acts 5:3,4. From these passages it can be deduced that the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are referred to as God.

Read to the group John 14:16,17. Point out that this passage along with others leads us to see the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit as distinct persons.

Introduce at this point the distinctive work of each person: the Father creates, the Son saves, and the Holy Spirit empowers and sustains us.

It must further be emphasized that although there is no one proof statement in the Scriptures it can be deduced from a study of the Scriptures that we do not worship three Gods but one God in three Persons. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit have one essence and are equal.

There have been many analogies presented which do not prove but only serve as an aid to the understanding of this doctrine. For instance, consider H_2O. It is found in three states with varying functions —as a liquid it is water, as a solid it is ice, as a gaseous substance it is steam. In all of these states it is still H_2O.

The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, although distinct persons, are of only one essence, namely God.

How to Proceed

Ask the question, *"What is the relationship between the third person of the Trinity (the Holy Spirit) and the day of Pentecost?"*

After the suggestions are given read Acts 1:7-14.

It will be necessary to remind the group that it was the desire of many Jews of Jesus' day to set up a political kingdom by the use of force and that a small band of followers saw Jesus through the near-sightedness of this desire. However, contrary to this, it was Jesus' intention to build the Kingdom of God not by force but by love whereby His will would be done on earth as it is in heaven.

In order to accomplish that it was necessary that men experience the Holy Spirit. You can dramatically point out the effect which the Holy Spirit had upon these men by asking the group to describe the attitude of the disciples immediately after the crucifixion. In contrast, picture for them the zeal and courage, the earnestness and effectiveness with which these men carried out the charge "to be witnesses" after they were empowered by the Holy Spirit.

The contrast in pictures would be something like this: Take a look at them in the upper room as they returned from the scene of the crucifixion—defeated, dejected men. They had given three of the best years of their lives; they had rested all of their dreams on the man Jesus; and now He was dead and their dreams had died with Him. "I'm going fishing," said Peter. His words reflected their attitude of defeatism.

But look at them after Pentecost. They are "living life up to the hilt." They've been filled with a new purpose, a new reason for existence, and they possess a new power to carry out that purpose. The dreams they had dreamed were not in vain; they had not been destroyed by the death of Christ, for Christ was not dead but alive and they were witnesses to that fact.

How to Conclude

Pause for a moment in prayer. Suggest to the group that they express a continuing desire to be filled with the Holy Spirit and to experience that empowerment and courage in order to fulfill the God-given responsibilities of life.

In closing, examine those characteristics of life which mark the presence of the Holy Spirit. Study Galatians 5:22-26.

Discuss the various ways in which the characteristics presented in this passage can be expressed in the practical everyday experiences of Christian youth.

THE AIMS

To gain greater insight into the doctrine of the Trinity.

To discover the effect and influence of the Holy Spirit upon the lives of the first disciples.

To discover the importance of the work of the Holy Spirit in our own lives.

To seek His presence and power.

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Heritage and Horizons in Home Missions

Acts 18:1-6

Senior High-Young People (15-24 Years) *MAY 2*

*Comments by Dr. J. Vernon Jacobs**

To the Leader

The success of a meeting depends in a large measure upon the leader. If you are new or inexperienced, you may dread being before a group, but remember that the members of your group are your friends and wish you well. They do not want to see you fail, but are more than anxious to be able to say, "That was a fine job you did." So begin your preparation early, and ask God to bless and guide you through the service.

Preparation Chart

Lesson studied? ---
Parts assigned? ---
Songs chosen? ---
Pianist and song leader notified? ---
Special music arranged? ---
Cards mailed? ---
Prospects invited? ---

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
Prelude (quiet music)
Call to Worship: Psalm 9:1,2
Hymn: *I Love to Tell the Story*
Prayer
Hymns: *Jesus Saves*
Saved to Tell Others
Scripture: Acts 18:1-6
Hymn: *O Jesus, I Have Promised*
Sentence Prayers
Leader's Talk
Two-Minute Talks
Questions for Discussion
Special Music
Announcements
Hymn: *Now the Day Is Over*
Benediction

Leader's Talk

Our topic Scripture relates an incident which took place on Paul's second missionary journey, which took him over into Europe. How glad we are that the Gospel went westward, and eventually came to our own land, but we must remember that with it came the responsibility to pass it on to others. Do you realize that it was a missionary journey which led to the discovery of America? Columbus had come to the conclusion that the world was going to last only about 150 years longer. He realized that if the millions of people in the Orient were to be Christianized, it would have to be done in a hurry. The Turks blocked the eastward route, and so he turned westward. In his *Journal* he tells us that his journey was not for conquest, but for the glory of the Christian religion.

This evening we are going to see how well the job has been done and what mission fields need yet to be ministered unto before Christianity is completely triumphant. As we talk about these things we will also want to think how our own young people can fit into the program of winning the world for Christ. Missions is not something confined to distant lands, but is a work to do on our very doorsteps. Let us now hear about missions on our own continent.

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QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What is the difference between home missions and any other kind?
2. What advantages does home mission work offer?
3. What home mission work is our own church doing?
4. How many lifework recruits are in our church and on the home mission field?
5. What home mission projects can we undertake?

Two-Minute Talks

1. *(Please tell in your own words.)* Missionary work in North America had its beginning with the Spaniards, who brought along their priests. Las Casas served in Cuba, where the Indians were made slaves and cruelly treated. His concern for them caused him to be named "Protector of the Indians." Padilla and Kino served in the Southwest, and Padilla was killed by hostile Indians. Junipero Serra founded many missions in California.

Champlain brought four friars with him to Quebec, which was the beginning of Canadian missions. The Indians were fierce, and at first unresponsive. Many missionaries met terrible torture and death, two of the more famous being Brebeuf and Jogues. Later on, these same Iroquois asked for missionaries, but preferred Protestant workers rather than the priests.

2. *(Please tell in your own words.)* When the Pilgrims and Puritans came to New England, and Virginia was settled, missionary societies in England began to raise money and send workers over here. The SPG, which was a society for the propogating of the Gospel, raised more than a million dollars and sent over several hundred men to Christianize both whites and Indians. As late as the American Revolution, only seven people out of 100 in the colonies made any profession of Christianity.

3. *(Please tell in your own words.)* In New England, John Eliot formed settlements of "praying Indians," and in 14 years had converted 36,000 of them. The first Bible ever printed in America was one which he had translated into their language. David Brainerd, a young man, volunteered to work with the Indians, but broke under the hardships, and died at the age of 29. His work, however, influenced even those in Europe.

Out on the west coast, the Nez Perce Indians sent a delegation 2,000 miles to ask for "the white man's Book of Heaven" and teachers, but it was many years before anybody went. Marcus Whitman and his wife went to them and did a good work, but 12 years later, they and others died in an Indian uprising. Dr. Egerton Young became famous as a missionary to Canada, and Dr. Wilfred Grenfell did a wonderful job in Labrador among the fishermen, Eskimo and Indians. Once he camped at night a found the next morning he was on an i pan drifting out to sea. He had to kill h dogs and make a covering with their ski to keep from freezing, but was final rescued.

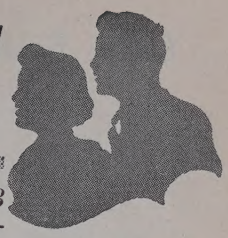
4. *(Please tell in your own words.)* Toda there are millions of people in our own lar who make no profession of faith in Chris The Salvation Army and other such missio groups carry on a good work in the slun of the great cities, leading many to acce Christ and keeping countless others fro drifting into crime. They provide foo clothing, and lodging for those who ha no money. It was the music of a missio band which touched the heart of a youn professional baseball player in Chicago o evening as he sat on the curb in front a saloon. That was the turning point in th life of Billy Sunday, who became the gre evangelist of the past generation.

5. *(Please tell in your own words.)* M grant workers, black, white, and brown, a on the move much of the year, followin the crops as vegetable packers, fruit an cotton pickers, and doing other kinds work. Poor wages and living quarters, u sanitary health conditions, interrupte schooling for the children, and little or r religious training keep life from being ver happy or profitable for these people. Se eral denominations are sending workers help in the migrant camps; young peop volunteer to teach in vacation Bible schoo There are things which our own society ca do in this respect. Where might we be ab to get information about such opportunitie

6. *(Please tell in your own words.)* Man of the older Indians in the West still wo ship the ancient tribal gods and hold many superstitions concerning good and ev spirits. They have their ceremonial danc and make beautiful sand paintings as means of worship. The Hopis have an a nual snake dance, which is supposed bring rain. It has been observed that th priests do not put on this dance in th midst of a dry spell, but wait until th clouds gather at the beginning of the rain season. Various denominations have se missionaries to set up stations among th tribes, and are reaching many for Chris The children, who have been taught in th mission schools, are the most easily wo Clothing sent to the reservations is great appreciated, as well as gifts at Christma Do we support any missionaries among th Indians?

7. *(Please tell in your own words.)* Mi sionary work is being done among the in migrants in our great cities too. For i stance, New York City has 344,115 Italian 314,603 Russians; 185,467 Germans; 179,87 Poles; 124,256 Austrians; and more tha 2,000,000 Jews, as well as thousands others from many nations of the worl What opportunities do we have to witne to immigrants in our own experiences?

Home Missions—Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow



Acts 18:1-6

Junior High (12-14 Years) *MAY 28*

*Comments by Mrs. Newell Morgan**

Publicity

Secure a large map of your home state and one of the United States. Place the map of the United States a little above eye level and the one of your state at eye level in a conspicuous place in your Junior High Christian Endeavor room or in a main hallway in your church. Take 49 multicolored ribbons of varying lengths to make each one reach to a state, all centered from the city and state in which you live to each of the other 49 states. Print legible placards to place on various strategic spots on the map advertising your meeting. Give the date, time, topic, and other vital information on the various placards. This should be on display at least two weeks beforehand.

Early in the week prior to the meeting, mail out to every active member of your society a Missionary Commission:

"Go Ye into the Home of

(Print name and address of inactive member here)

and invite him (or her) to attend Christian Endeavor with you next Sunday evening. Then on Sunday be sure you go after him (or her), and the Lord will go with you alway."

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
Quiet Music: *Win Them One by One*
Brief Song Service (choose three songs that your group knows well and that deal with telling of Christ and service to Him)
Announcements and Offering
Offertory: *Take My Life*
Scripture: Acts 18:1-6
Leader's Introduction of Panel Speakers
Panel Speakers
1. Why I Served as a Home Missionary
2. Why I Am Serving as a Home Missionary
3. Why I Plan on Serving as a Home Missionary

Discussion (led by panel moderator)
Worship Service: Encircled by Love

Questions for Guided Discussion

1. With the world growing smaller, should we still speak of home missions and foreign missions, or just missions?
2. Where do home missions begin and stop?
3. What are the necessary personal qualifications for a successful home missionary?
4. What training is necessary for a successful home missionary?
5. Who are some home missionaries of our own area? Are they successful? If so, what led to their success?
6. What are some of the tasks that confront a home missionary?
7. With what type of people are home missions mostly concerned?

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Worship Center

In carrying out the theme for the worship service, Encircled by Love, it will be necessary to have a definite worship center. This should be a series of concentric circles. The common center circle should have on it a cross with Christ printed on the upright. The second circle, next to this center one, is left blank. The third circle has printed on it My Home, the fourth My School, and the fifth circle, My Church; the sixth circle, My Community; the seventh circle, My State; the eighth circle, My Nation; and the outer circle, The Love of God. This series of concentric circles should be on a large poster, and all the printing should be easily read from any part in the room. It should be as attractively made as possible. This applies to texture and cleanliness of paper, neat printing, and attractive coloring. *(Anything worth doing at all is worth doing well.)* Hang the chart above a table.

On the table, but not obscuring any of the chart, place an open Bible, a globe with your area facing the group, and two electric candles on either side (no wax candles because of fire hazard of the chart). These candles should burn during the worship service, with subdued lighting in the rest of the room. The concentric circles should be covered over with blank, removable circles that can easily be taken down at the appropriate time.

Worship Service

Prelude: *The Love of God*
Call to Worship: John 3:16,35
Hymn: *Are Ye Able, Said the Master*
Scripture: Isaiah 6:1-8
Guided Meditation (while soft music is played)
Hymn: *Take My Life*
Brief Message (with member participation)
Period of Commitment
Prayer
Quartet: Medley of *For God So Loved the World* and *Let the Beauty of Jesus*
Benediction
Postlude: *The Love of God*

Thoughts on Guided Meditation

This should be handled by a competent Christian Endeavor member, sponsor, minister, or guest missionary with a soft voice. Use Isaiah 6:8 as a basis. Ask the Junior Highs, with closed eyes and bowed heads, to think on the suggestions of the leader. Consider such items as "Who will tell the story of Christ in my home?" and "Who will speak up for Christ in my school?"

This period should last only as long as necessary to set the spirit of worship, self-searching, and self-commitment in each person. It should not be prolonged. A competent leader can sense when this has happened.

Thoughts on Brief Message

The content of this message should show that home missions must be centered in Christ and spread from Him to wherever in our country His people live and labor. The chart of concentric circles should have been mimeographed beforehand and enough copies made so that everyone present can have one when the devotional speaker wants it to be used. As the devotional speaker mentions each phase of home missions, some Christian Endeavor member, through pre-arrangement, removes the covering from that circle.

The climax is reached when all concentric circles have been removed while the one around the center one is blank. Here the devotional speaker has the printed individual charts handed out while telling the necessity of home missions, beginning with the individual Christian. When he is ready, all who will are asked to write their names in the blank circle on their sheets. The actual signing should take place after thought and during the singing of the quartet. The devotional speaker should stress the encirclement of God's love in all these activities.

Carry Out Your Plans

As there is no actual learning of anything unless there is a carry-over into life, some home mission project should be planned by the Missionary Committee to be launched at this meeting. It should be some interesting project in which all who wrote their names in the concentric circle chart of home missions should have a chance to participate.

Preparing to Lead

The success of this meeting, as is true of any meeting, will depend on the selection of the right leader plus the advance preparation. The leader should be a thoroughly dedicated Christian Endeavorer who has a decided interest in missions. This leader should make every effort, *several weeks in advance,* to secure a retired home missionary, a present home missionary still active on the field, and a lifework recruit interested in home missions to be the speakers for the panel discussion. This would represent the past, present, and future aspects of home missions. Plan your program well so you know how much time to allot to the total panel discussion, and then divide the time in fourths; give a fourth of the time to each speaker and the remaining fourth for a group discussion. Make sure everything is planned well in advance. Then check and recheck as the time approaches to make sure that there are no avoidable slip-ups.

Pre-Prayer Service

Due to the special commission of bringing in members for the meeting, the pre-prayer service should be held earlier than just prior to the meeting. Try to get every active Junior High Christian Endeavor member out to a pre-prayer service one hour before meeting time. Have 15 minutes of pre-prayer for the success of the meeting and the calling. Then send those present out to carry out their Missionary Commission and to return in 45 minutes with their guests for the meeting.

Daily Bible Readings for Your Quiet Hour

Here are the daily Bible readings selected for use in connection with the weekly Christian Endeavor topics for May, 1961. These particular selections have been chosen because they give valuable food for thought in connection with the topic for the Sunday to follow.

These readings are grouped together on one page in order that Endeavorers may easily use them. Why not clip out this section and place it in your Bible, ready for your daily Quiet Hour observance.

Junior High (Intermediate) Daily Readings

M. May 1 Our Refuge and Fortress Psalm 91:1-12
T. May 2 Safe in God's Care Psalm 121:1-8
W. May 3 Value of Early Training Proverbs 22:6
T. May 4 Faith and Hope in God I Peter 1:13-21
F. May 5 Secure in God I Timothy 6:17-19
S. May 6 Firmly Established Hebrews 13:5-9
Sun. May 7 Topic—Rooted and Grounded Ephesians 3:14-21; Luke 2:51,52

M. May 8 Peace of God Isaiah 26:1-4
T. May 9 Humility Matthew 23:10-12
W. May 10 Christian Love I Corinthians 13:1-8
T. May 11 Christian Characteristics Matthew 5:1-12
F. May 12 Waiting on the Lord Psalm 27:13,14
S. May 13 Reward for Faithfulness Revelation 2:10
Sun. May 14 Topic—Orchids for Mother Ephesians 6:1-4; Proverbs 4:1-6

M. May 15 Our Triune God Mark 1:9-11
T. May 16 The Holy Spirit Promised John 16:7,8
W. May 17 The Holy Spirit in Us I Corinthians 3:16,17
T. May 18 A Teacher of Truth John 16:13-16
F. May 19 A Helper in Prayer Romans 8:26,27
S. May 20 The Spirit Gives Boldness Acts 4:13-20
Sun. May 21 Topic—The Flowering of Our Faith John 14:23-29; Aacts 1-7-14; Gala. tians 5:22-26

M. May 22 A Goodly Heritage Psalm 16:5-7
T. May 23 Influence of the Forefathers II Timothy 1:1-6
W. May 24 Feed the Flock I Peter 5:1-4
T. May 25 Beginning at Jerusalem Luke 24:44-53
F. May 26 Teaching in Jerusalem. Acts 5:17-25
S. May 27 Daily Witnessing. Acts 5:37-42
Sun. May 28 Topic—Home Missions—Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow Acts 18:1-6

Senior High-Young People's Daily Readings

M. May 1 Abraham Receives the Promise Genesis 15:1-6
T. May 2 Abraham Blessed by Melchizedek Genesis 14:17-24
W. May 3 Abraham Offers Isaac a Sacrifice Genesis 22:1-19
T. May 4 Testimony of Abraham's Faith Acts 7:1-8
F. May 5 Faith Brings Obedience Hebrews 11:8-19
S. May 6 Roll Call of the Faithful Hebrews 11:20-40
Sun. May 7 Topic — Abraham — Example of Faith Genesis 11:27-13:18

M. May 8 "Interest Me Not" Ruth 1:6-18
T. May 9 Ruth Gleans in the Fields of Boaz Ruth 2:1-17
W. May 10 Bread to Eat Ruth 2:18-23
T. May 11 Ruth Marries Boaz Ruth 4:1-12
F. May 12 Ruth—An Ancestress of David Ruth 4:13-22
S. May 13 A Noble Woman Proverbs 31:25-31
Sun. May 14 Topic — Ruth — Example of Loyalty · Book of Ruth

M. May 15 Jesus Calls Peter Matthew 4:18-22
T. May 16 Ordained to Preach Mark 3:13-19
W. May 17 Peter Confesses Christ Mark 8:27-30
T. May 18 Peter Preaches to Cornelius Acts 10:25-48
F. May 19 Liberated from Prison Acts 12:1-11
S. May 20 Exhorts to Holy Living II Peter 1:5-11
Sun. May 21 Topic — Peter — Example of Courage Acts 2-5

M. May 22 A Goodly Heritage. Psalm 16:5-7
T. May 23 Influence of the Forefathers II Timothy 1:1-6
W. May 24 Feed the Flock I Peter 5:1-4
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COMING EVENTS For Your Prayer Calendar

Here is a list of Christian Endeavor conventions and conferences scheduled to be held during the next few months. Remember these events in your daily Quiet Hour.

APRIL
7- 9—Washington, Lynden
14-15—Pennsylvania, Allentown (Spring Executive)
15—Ontario, Kitchener (Spring Rally)
20-23—Oregon, Roseburg
28-29—Kentucky, Louisville
29-30—Indiana, Evansville (Spring Retreat)
29-30—Colorado, Estes Park (Spring Conference)
MAY
5- 7—Middle Atlantic Regional Conference, New York, New York
13—Ontario, Hamilton (Junior Convention)
JUNE
9-11—New York, Briarcliff Manor, King's College
15-18—Texas, Houston
21-24—North Carolina, Crestmont Assembly Grounds (Junior Conference)
22-25—California, Pasadena
24-July 1—Massachusetts, Northfield

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Topics for MAY

May 7 Christian Homes in Faraway Lands Ephesians 6:1-5
May 14 Making My Home Christian Exodus 20:12; Proverbs 1:
May 21 Peter and John Acts 3:1; 4:1-3,18-2
May 28 Stephen Acts 6:8; 7:54-6

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NEWS
from around the world

GHT—Claudean Eddington, president of ssouri Union, and Gene Fink, co-president, are photo at left; at right are state officers after ir election at the convention in St. Louis last vember. Miss Eddington is typist for the Stark rsery in Louisiana, Missouri. Mr. Fink is a veling auditor for Waggoner Electric Company St. Louis.

OW—State union officers at the Pacific Re-nal Conference in Portland, Oregon, February 18 are: Seated (left to right) — Mrs. R. E. Liche, regional vice-president; and Dorothy E. wes, Oregon executive secretary. Standing— r. Robert Hess, California field secretary; Paul lwood, California president; Harold E. Wester-ff, International Society general secretary; lliam Arthur, Oregon president; and Rocky wart, Washington president. Oregon and shington delegates in the lower photo are t to right) Linda Savin, Wes Dixon, Carol nson, Gary Haveman, and Jodyne Eastwood.

The second annual Pacific Regional Conference in Portland, Oregon, drew delegates from a 1500-mile area. Theme was "Take root downward, and bear fruit upward." Oregon, California, and Washington Union presidents gave reports of progress. Harold E. Westerhoff, general secretary of the International Society and the World's Union, participated in the sessions before he left the United States for his trip around the world. Each officer present reported on activities in his area and all phases of Christian Endeavor were discussed.

The latest book to come from the pen of Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, is "Jesus Says to You." Containing 40 devotions based on sayings of Jesus, this is a particularly helpful Quiet Hour aid. Copies may be secured from the International Society for $2.95 each.

Another book released this winter and of special interest to Christian Endeavorers is "Whom the Lord Loveth," the story of James A. Huff by his wife, Jane Huff. Jim Huff's Christian Endeavor activities were an important part of his life. This poignant book tells of the triumph of a man of God over the greatest challenge of all. It may also be secured through the International Society. The cost is $4.95.

Stetson University in DeLand, Florida, recently presented a distinguished service award to Mrs. Daniel A. Poling, for "pre-eminent service to mankind."

The Samoa Christian Endeavor Union has been revitalized with the appointment of Pastor Faulalo Sagapolutele as general secretary. There are now 234 societies in Samoa and seven district unions, each with a pastor in charge. This union raised over £2777 last year. It publishes much of its own materials, translating topic books supplied by the New Zealand Union. Christian Endeavor began in 1890 in Samoa.

The New Zealand biennial report shows a total of 83 societies, an increase of 14 since the last report, with Presbyterians showing the greatest gain and a Church of England society being included for the first time. A party of 30 Endeavorers from Australia, led by national secretary Rev. H. Norman Pell, will visit New Zealand May 12-19. The new president of New Zealand, Rev. G. M. Yule, hopes to accompany the team as it visits all main centers. A large delegation from New Zealand, led by national secretary Murray F. Smith, plans to attend the World's Convention in Sydney in 1962, spending three weeks August 13-31 touring Australia.

In this issue the first Senior High-Young People's topic comments prepared by Dr. J. Vernon Jacobs appear. Dr. Jacobs, a well-known religious writer, is a member of Memorial Christian Church of Phoenix, Arizona. His latest book, "24 Messages for Men," was released in March.

Delegates at New Zealand National Jubilee Convention at Rotorua

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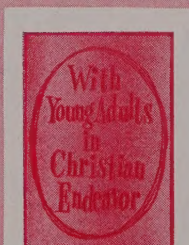

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